

# HOW OLD WAS ANN, ANYHOW? WIDE RANGE OF REPLIES

Some Figure Her Age as Low as Six Years, and from There She Jumps Up to Eight, Twelve, Sixteen, Eighteen and Even Twenty-four—How Old Is She?

Mary is twenty-four years old. She is twice as old as Ann was when Mary was as old as Ann is now. HOW OLD IS ANN?

Interest in the case of the two sisters, Mary and Ann, continues unabated. Letters from persons who have figured out the age of Ann and from persons who think they have figured out the age of Ann are swamping the office of The Evening World.

One of our friends, H. M. G., proves that Ann is eighteen years old by a diagram that ought to settle the question. Rebecca Schoenfeld solves the problem, and then proves it by reversing the question and asking the age of Mary. The factious come out in great numbers, while the supporters of the proposition that Ann is sixteen years old stick to their guns and pencils and paper with a devotion worthy of a better cause.

This is H. M. G.'s diagram:

In the above diagram the line is divided into twenty-four spaces, representing the number of years of Mary's age. By the wording of the problem it will readily be seen that, while Ann has reached the point B, Mary is somewhere between B and C. The whole question, therefore, resolves itself into this: "At what point between B and C does Mary start to get to the point C while Ann is getting from the point B to the required point of Mary's starting. Both, of course, are going at the same rate, so the answer is found by a simple division of the twelve spaces B to C by 2. Mary, therefore, started from B and went to 24, while Ann started from 12 and went to 18. Therefore Ann's age is 18."

A few of the answers received follow:

Reverse the Problem.

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## "WHAT IS ANN'S AGE?" DOWN AT THE ISTHMUS.



### CORTRIIGHT NOT TO QUIT.

The Chief Inspector Denies that He Seeks Retirement.

Chief Inspector Moses W. Cortright

denied to-day a statement printed in a

morning newspaper to the effect that

his application for retirement was in

the hands of Commissioner Greene.

"I do not intend to retire at this

time," he said, "and have not put in

an application. I may retire soon, but

have not made up my mind as to the

time."

The Inspector has been in poor health

for some time. It would not surprise

the Headquarters staff if he should re-

tire before the end of the year.

MAN'S BODY FOUND IN RIVER.

The unidentified body of a man was

found to-day in the North River oppo-

site Pier No. 18, foot of Murray street.

## WHERE ALCOHOL GOES

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MRS. AUGUSTA.

Orange, N. J., Nov. 11.

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New York, Nov. 11. M. V. R.

Thinks Ann Is Twelve.

To the Editor of The Evening World:

Ann is twelve years old. Too young

to be left alone in New York. That's

clear as crystal. T. B. C.

New York, Nov. 11.

From Dutchess County.

To the Editor of The Evening World:

I send you a solution of your puzzle

in regard to Ann's age, which I find to

be twelve years. If I am correct please

let me know in your paper.

Y. THOMAS MORAHAN.

Oak Summit, Dutchess County, N. Y.

Nov. 11.

Of Nine Has It Right.

To the Editor of The Evening World:

As I was looking at papa's Evening

World this evening I came across

### SIX KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK.

Crewn of Two Freight Trains Collided

in Kentucky Collision.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Nov. 12.—Six men

were killed to-day near New Hope, Ky.,

when a doubleheader freight on the

Louisville and Nashville road crashed

into another freight. Two of the en-

gines were completely demolished.

All of the freight and engineers are

reported killed. Several men were under

the wreckage until rescued.

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